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CANADA SHOWS U. S. THE WAY TO DEAL WITH PROFITEERS AND REDUCE COST OF LIVING

Gives Absolute Authority Over Combines and Prices to Board of Commerce.

PUTS LIMIT ON PROFITS.

Violations Punishable by Prison Sentences in Addition to Heavy Fines.

(From a Staff Correspondent of The Evening World.)

OTTAWA, Dec. 27.—The Congress of the United States and the Department of Justice have been grappling for more than a year with the problem of reducing the high cost of living by the restriction of profiteering. The cost of living has not been reduced—except in official statements given out from Washington—and neither the Congress nor the Department of Justice has brought forth a plan by which profiteers and food hoarders can be regulated for the benefit of the public.

While the Government of the United States has been running up dark alleys and butting against blank walls, the Government of Canada has accomplished something. While States and communities of the United States have been experimenting with futile semi-official boards and administrators and regulators, Canada has adopted laws with double rows of teeth in them. Canada has made the regulation of trusts and combines and profiteers a business of the Dominion Government.

The central authority is in Ottawa, the capital. It is called the Board of Commerce and is composed of three members. The Board of Commerce was formed to administer the Combines and Fair Prices Act, which was passed by the Canadian Parliament in July of this year. Branches of the board have been established in the various provinces. The board itself is authorized to sit in any part of Canada to consider the questions coming under its jurisdiction.

SINISTER INFLUENCES CAN'T SWERVE CANADIANS.

Naturally enough, the Board of Commerce was not greeted with loud applause by the manufacturers, wholesalers, jobbers, cold storage manipulators, middlemen and retailers of Canada. The board and its powers and activities have been violently assailed and propaganda along lines hostile to the regulation of prices and profits has been spread all over Canada and has sent overflow waves into the United States. Nevertheless, the Canadian Government has marched right along with the organization of the board and its branches.

The powers of the board are so wide and sweeping—that being a judicial as well as a regulatory and administrative body—that the Government proceeded slowly with the work of building up the machinery. It did not begin to function as a possessing complete territorial authority until about two months ago. The law has not been in operation long enough to justify claims made that it has succeeded.

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CARFARES SLASHED ON CHICAGO LINES AS PROFITS GROW

Reduced From 7 to 6 Cents on Surface Roads—Saves \$7,500,000 Annually.

(Special Dispatch to The Evening World.)

CHICAGO, Dec. 27.—Fares on the Chicago surface lines were reduced from seven cents to six cents to-day under a rider issued by the Illinois State Public Utilities Commission. Financial statements showing that the street car companies were making profits under the higher fare far in excess of the amount set by the Commission as reasonable return on their investment caused the Commission to order the reduction.

The surface lines have more than 60 per cent. of the local transportation mileage of the city and normally carry more than three-fourths of the passengers riding on the Chicago traction system. The elevated lines are continuing to operate under an 8-cent fare, ordered by the Commission, but are losing traffic to the surface lines.

The city franchises of both the surface and the elevated lines specify that not more than five-cent fares shall be charged. The municipality has brought suits to hold the companies to five-cent fares.

The State Public Utilities Commission claims the right under the police powers to raise fares regardless of the city's franchise provisions. In October, 1918, it permitted the elevated roads to raise fares from five cents to six cents and last summer, when surface and elevated trams struck for increased wages, sanctioned eight-cent fares on the elevated roads and seven-cent fares on the surface lines.

Last month, when surface line profits under seven-cent fares were shown to be exorbitant, the commission provided for the sale of tickets at a rate lower than a seven-cent cash fare, blocks of ten being sold for sixty-five cents with fifty ride books for \$3.50. Less than 15 per cent. of the car patrons used the tickets, and the commission last Tuesday ordered a reduction to a flat six cents rate.

The reduction in fares is estimated to mean a saving of more than \$7,500,000 a year to patrons of the Chicago surface lines.

BOOST IN FREIGHT RATES TO BE ASKED

But Passenger Tariffs Will Not Be Raised When Roads Go Back.

Reports from the West that increases of freight rates from 25 to 27 per cent. will be asked when the railroads are returned to private ownership were met in part to-day in New York. Officials of the railroads comprising the Eastern regions said petitions were being prepared now. The Interstate Commerce Commission will be asked to grant the higher rates and Congressional legislation will be sought if necessary.

No increase in passenger rates is said to be contemplated at present. The first step of the railroads under private control, after the increase of freight rates, it was said, will be to order much new equipment.

PRESIDENT 63 TO-MORROW.

Daughters May Be at White House for the Anniversary.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—President Wilson will be sixty-three years old to-morrow. His daughters, Mrs. William G. McAdoo and Mrs. Francis B. Sayre, may be here for the anniversary.

The President is expected to appear in public to-morrow.

'LOST BRIDEGROOM' INVITED TO OWN WEDDING, HE SAYS

Dr. Vermilye Found in Brooklyn Hospital—Fiancee Comes Here

AWAITING OPERATION.

Ship's Surgeon Declares He Learned of Marriage Plans Last Week.

Dr. William Grey Vermilye, the elderly ship's surgeon whose absence from a wedding at which he was to be married to Miss Ruth M. Keeney at Monson, Mass., on Christmas Day caused something of a commotion there, gave out a statement to-day from the Cumberland Street Hospital, Brooklyn, where reporters found him awaiting a minor operation.

His statement, which followed repeated assertions that he had nothing to say, was as follows:

"Gentlemen—I have no statement to make except that on my return to the United States last Friday I was met by an invitation to my wedding. I am not hiding from anyone, but I have nothing further to say at present."

"WILLIAM GREY VERMILY."

Miss Keeney, accompanied by her father, another man and a woman, arrived at the hospital this afternoon from Monson. She was met by Supt. Jacobs, who took her and her father into his office. She is a slender young woman, dressed to-day in blue and wearing a little black hat with a white plume.

Dr. Vermilye went to the hospital, arriving unattended, according to Dr. Jacobs, the Superintendent, early Christmas morning, arranged for an operation next Monday for a slight chronic ailment, and took a room pending the operation.

The physician attending Dr. Vermilye, it was learned, is Dr. Walter Isard of No. 141 St. Mark's Avenue, Brooklyn.

Dr. Isard said to-day that the first he knew of the missing bridegroom case was when he was summoned yesterday by officials of the hospital at the request of Dr. Vermilye.

"When I got to the hospital," Dr. Isard said, "I was told there was an operation case in one of the private rooms. I immediately examined the patient, Dr. Vermilye, whom I had never seen before in my life, and found a very slight trouble, which he probably has had for 20 years."

"I told Dr. Vermilye I did not see any serious need of an operation but he insisted, consequently I set the date for the performance of the operation for next Monday."

Dr. Vermilye is described at the Cumberland Hospital as being "a strikingly handsome man" about six feet tall and weighing about 190 pounds. He has blue eyes, iron grey hair, and wears bow-rimmed glasses. His complexion is ruddy and shows the marks of outdoor life. He rose early this morning and after breakfast was shown a copy of The World in which the story of his being a "missing bridegroom" appeared.

After reading the article carefully he declared: "I can't understand this at all. No, I can't understand this."

Dr. Vermilye was employed as a ship's surgeon by the United Fruit Line from Aug. 2, 1917, until February of this year. He was assigned to the steamer Turriabla, plying between New York and Central American ports. In his application for the post according to Dr. Evelyn Hadley, post physician for the United Fruit Line, Dr. Vermilye stated he was born in Janesville, Wis., in 1857.

He gave his address as No. 245 Sunnyside Avenue, Brooklyn, but later changed this to No. 135 Pacific Street.

In his application Dr. Vermilye wrote that he was "wed not divorced." Dr. Hadley said he inferred from what Dr. Vermilye told him that his wife had died.

Son Didn't Know Dr. Vermilye Planned to Wed.

ATLANTA, Ga., Dec. 27.—"I know nothing regarding the illness of my father," said John H. Vermilye, son of Dr. William Grey Vermilye, who told that his father had been located in a Brooklyn hospital to-day following his failure to appear for his marriage in Monson, Mass., on Christmas day.

"In fact, it seems to me that he even contemplated marriage," he added.

Dr. Vermilye said that his father was a retired physician and to his knowledge had had no connection with the navy service as reported in New York.

TRIAL OF EX-CROWN PRINCE FOR LOOTING AND ROBBERY IS DEMANDED BY FRANCE

List of Men Whose Surrender Will Be Asked Completed—Courts Martial to Sit at Lille, London and Liege.

LONDON, Dec. 27.

FREDERICK WILLIAM, the former German Crown Prince, will be included in the list of persons whose surrender for trial is demanded by the French, according to a report of a recent meeting between British law officials and Edouard Ignace, French Under Secretary for Military Justice.

The ex-Crown Prince will be charged with criminal offenses, including looting and robbery with violence, committed in France.

No further decision was reached at the conference with regard to the case of former Emperor William.

A full list of the men whose surrender will be demanded has been completed, and the steps which are to be taken to insure their surrender have been decided upon.

Courts martial, it is reported, will be established at Lille, for France; London, for Great Britain, and Brussels and Liege for Belgium.

ALL SINN FEINERS FACE ARREST IN NEW FRENCH PLAN

Reported England Will Handle Irish Situation With Certain "Ruthlessness."

LONDON, Dec. 27.—The Dublin correspondent of the Evening Standard says it is no secret in Dublin that the authorities are determined to handle the Sinn Fein situation with a certain amount of ruthlessness and apply drastic remedies to what they consider a dangerous disease.

The correspondent says it is stated in quarters regarded as well informed that the steps contemplated by the Viceroy, Lord French, and his advisers for restoring normal conditions include the arrest of every known active Sinn Fein throughout the country. The writer continues:

"Considering the strength of the Sinn Fein movement this in itself is a gigantic task and one which the authorities are advised will be difficult of performance, but the advocates of a clean-sweep policy believe it can be effectively done by and refuse to be diverted from their plan by any consideration of the political or other effect in Ireland or outside."

"I am assured," continues the correspondent, "that Lord French, despite his own discouraging experience, is still an unrepenting believer in the good sense and the good will of the majority of his countrymen. He holds that the Irish bill outlined by the premier has all the elements of a permanent settlement for Ireland if the country gets the opportunity for working it."

COP PERFORMS LIKE DOCTOR.

Restores Brooklyn Family of Four Overcome by Gas.

Max Friedman, his son and two daughters, ranging in age from 14 to 17 years, were found overcome by gas early to-day in their home at No. 238 Osborne Street, Brooklyn. A looking in the kitchen stove was responsible.

The alarm was given by a neighbor, who smelled from a window to Patrolman Lewis Park and Charles Lewis of the Liberty Avenue station. The policeman administered first aid, and all were restored to consciousness before ambulance surgeons arrived. All were recovered.

Each Declines Nomination for the French Senate.

PARIS, Dec. 27.—Martial Foch has refused the nomination of the French Senate to be its president.

Foch, who will be 75 years old to-morrow, has declined the offer of a candidacy to the Senate, which was recently offered him, according to the Matin.

8,000 Immigrants in Two Days.

Eight thousand immigrants have arrived at Ellis Island within the last two days, and to-day 1,188 of them were detained for further examination as to their fitness for admission to the country. It was said that the personnel of the island could not handle a larger number at one time.

Trolley Fare Raised in Trenton.

TRENTON, N. J., Dec. 27.—It was announced by the State Public Utility Commission here to-day that the Trenton and Mercer County Traction Corporation will be allowed to increase its fare from 6 cents to 7 cents on January 4, and to charge one cent for transfers.

TAKE BELL-ANS AFTER MEALS AND NOT BEFORE.

THE GOOD DIGESTION makes you feel—And

MRS. DE KOVEN NOW AMONG CONVERTS TO SPIRITUALISM



MRS. REGINALD DE KOVEN. Wife of Composer Says She Has Received Messages From Dead Sister.

CHICAGO, Dec. 27.—Mrs. Reginald De Koven, wife of the New York composer, is one of the latest converts to spiritualism, announcing that her sister, the late Mrs. Robert Chatfield Chatfield-Taylor, who died on April 5, 1918, has communicated with her in an unmistakable manner.

At the home of another sister, Mrs. Robert G. McConn, No. 120 Pearson Street, this city, Mrs. De Koven has related to friends psychic experiences which took place after the death of Mrs. Taylor in California. Within a week after that event Mrs. De Koven says she conversed with her sister through a medium.

A table cover, intended as a gift for Mrs. De Koven, was begun by Mrs. Chatfield Taylor and left unfinished at her death. Mrs. De Koven says she learned through spiritualist means of this. She sent to Santa Barbara, and the cover was found in the place described.

Mrs. De Koven has written a book upon the subject, not yet published.

STARVING IN LIGHTHOUSE.

Belle Isle Cut Off From World by Storms and Ice.

QUEBEC, Dec. 27.—Fifteen persons in the Government lighthouse and wireless station at Belle Isle face death by starvation to-day because of the failure of the delivery of their winter provisions.

The Government steamer Annapolis, loaded with provisions for their relief, foundered a few weeks ago. The food was then transferred to the Government steamer Montserrat, now at Bonaville Newfoundland, but she has been delayed in reaching the Government stations because of the bad weather and ice packs. The Montserrat is only a day's run from Belle Isle.

Enlight Gets Service Decoration.

Special Deputy Commissioner J. R. Ullman of the Police Department announced to-day that the Prince Regent of Serbia had conferred on Police Commissioner Edward E. Knight the rank of Commander of the Order of St. Sava.

The presentation, it was explained, was in acknowledgment of the courtesies of the Commissioner and his command to the Serbian Diplomatic Military Mission while in this city.

WIDOW AND COUSIN FREED IN CASE OF SLAIN MILLIONAIRE

New Witness Tells of Seeing "Boy and Girl" in Auto on Night of Murder.

DENIAL BY CHILD WIFE.

"I Don't Know a Thing About It," She Sobs—Begs to Attend the Funeral.

MOUNT CLEMENS, Mich., Dec. 27.

Mrs. Ruth Brown and her cousin, Lloyd Prevost, were released from jail this afternoon in habeas corpus proceedings following the funeral of the woman's husband, J. Stanley Brown, a young millionaire, whose body was found in his car near here Wednesday. He had been shot to death, presumably by an occupant of the rear seat of the automobile.

Three persons rode in the car on the night of the murder, according to a statement furnished to the authorities to-day by a farmer living near where the auto was found.

One of these was Brown—the farmer was sure of that—and a boy and a girl occupied the rear seat. The machine was moving slowly, he said, and he was able to see clearly.

The child-widow to-day tearfully protested that she knew anything about the tragedy.

"I don't know a thing about the murder. I don't—I don't—I tell you!" she screamed.

She was pale and weak from the questioning and imprisonment she had undergone, although she is an extremely pretty woman. Asked who she believed had killed her husband, she replied:

"Please don't ask me that question. Every one does. I know nothing of this horrible thing and the newspapers have placed me in a horrible light."

Mrs. Brown wept to-day as she pleaded to be permitted to attend the funeral of her husband. It is probable her request will be granted and that she will be accompanied by an officer.

The Battle Creek woman mentioned as "Dollie" in connection with the case in Mrs. Leona Bennett, police here revealed to-day. She was held as a witness by Mount Clemens authorities when she went there to see why her husband failed to keep a "date" with her in Detroit on the day he was murdered. She is divorced.

The theory of robbery in connection with the slaying of Brown, who was found shot to death Wednesday morning in his automobile on a lonely road, has been dispelled. About \$16,000 in securities that were believed to be lost were found to-day in a bank vault.

"Both admit they were riding in Brown's car the night of the murder," said Sheriff Caldwell, discussing his prisoners; "both deny guilty knowledge of the crime. Yet the alibis given by the pair are faulty. I have ordered them held as witnesses because circumstantial evidence is against them. I shall probably make another arrest to-day."

The girl had shown not the slightest emotion when discussing the murder of her husband with a reporter shortly before her arrest.

"It's too bad he was killed, but I really can't shed a bit of light upon it," she said with a demure smile.

"It is reported that he was about to take a trip to Chicago with a woman named Dollie from Battle Creek," the reporter told her.

"Well, he went to Chicago a month ago, you know, and he didn't go alone that time," she stated, still smiling.

"I heard he took a trip to Battle Creek also within the past thirty days."

Prevost refused to talk to newspaper men and he was reticent when questioned by the Sheriff and Prosecutor.

WOOD PETITION FILED.

Nebraska Voters Ask His Name on Presidential Ballot.

LINCOLN, Neb., Dec. 27.—A voter's petition asking that the name of Leonard Wood be placed on the Republican ballot for the primaries next April 26, when the voters will express their preference for presidential nominees, was filed with the Secretary of State here to-day.

52 DEAD, 100 BLINDED HERE BY DRINKING WOOD ALCOHOL; SEARCH ON FOR FACTORIES

Detectives Try to Trace All Wood Alcohol Sold, to Prevent Further Deaths—Medical Societies Join Health and Revenue Officials in Crusade.

As a result of scores of deaths from wood alcohol, the police to-day began combing the lower west side of Manhattan and sections of the Bronx for the places where imitation whiskey has been manufactured. One place was found where five barrels of cologne spirits were seized, and other places were under surveillance.

EXTRA CONFESSES KILLING GIRL IN BROOKLYN

Negro Under Arrest in Newark Said to Have Admitted Guilt to District Attorney Lewis.

District Attorney Lewis of Brooklyn said this afternoon that Frank Kelly, the negro porter arrested in Newark, had confessed to the murder of Miss Catherine Dunn, the housemaid beaten to death in the Clarence Sperry Clark home, No. 1146 East 21st Street, Brooklyn, last Saturday morning.

The District Attorney added that efforts were being made to connect Kelly with the murder of Mrs. McDonald, the B. R. T. ticket agent, who was killed last October.

Autopsies performed on scores of the victims of poisoning have disclosed that some of these manufacturers have been using wood instead of grain alcohol and sending out a concoction which was almost certain to result in death or blindness.

District Attorney Martin of the Bronx and Capt. Andrew Wines, in charge of the detectives of that borough, were out early to-day in the search for the "poison factories."

To trace every bottle of the stuff and get it away from persons who may ignorantly drink it is the most immediately important problem—considered even more important for the moment than the punishment of the makers and sellers.

"I have received no word from Connecticut, where the latest deaths are reported," said District Attorney Martin to-day. "And I have heard nothing to-day from the Department of Justice. But I have sent an assistant district attorney and county detectives to Connecticut and to Holyoke, Mass."

Capt. Wines has twenty-four detectives giving exclusive attention to the wood alcohol search, but he too is awaiting the co-operation of Federal authorities.

District Attorney Martin sent his assistant, Charles M. McLaughlin, to Hartford, accompanied by several detectives from the Bronx Bureau designated by Capt. Wines. Other detectives were sent to look into reports that a number of power boats had been engaged in a mysterious traffic with Connecticut Sound ports, sailing in the early morning hours from City Island.

It is cut off by water from the rest of the Bronx and not very closely under police observation.

Three deaths from wood alcohol occurred in New York yesterday and one on Thursday. Those who died yesterday were James Dwyer, No. 124 West 24th Street; Michael Sullivan, No. 2500 Eighth Avenue; and John McMurray of No. 259 West 153d Street. The death on Thursday was that of Frank Morony, No. 318 West 38th Street.

In Newark there were five deaths, three of which occurred at the City Hospital this morning. The victims were an unidentified man, sixty years old, found in front of No. 134 New Street last night; Michael Tarr, twenty-six years old, of No. 199 Leola Avenue; Joseph Zaremba, thirty-eight years old, of No. 156 Livingston Street; Hadel Kalman, No. 103 Van Buren Street; and Sylvester Coleman, No. 103 Van Buren Street.

SCORES ARE DEAD, DYING OR BLINDED BY NEW BEVERAGES

Victims in New York, Chicago, Connecticut and New England Cities.

GREATER NEW YORK (1919 to date), 52 dead, 100 blind.

MANHATTAN (December to date), 15 dead.

HOLYOKE, Mass. (last forty-eight hours), 6 dead, several dying; one arrest.

CHICOPEE FALLS, Mass., 34 men, 1 woman dead; 5 dying, many sick; two arrests.

HARTFORD, Conn., 13 dead, 10 dying, 5 blind, five arrests.

CHICAGO, Ill., 35 men, 1 woman dead; one arrest.

SYRACUSE, N. Y., two deaths.

CLEVELAND, O., 14 dead, 24 ill.

EMPORIUM, Pa., 2 dead.

DETROIT, Mich. (since Sept. 20 dead), 10.

SPRINGFIELD, Mass., 3 dead.

NEWARK, N. J., 5 dead.

COLOGNE SPIRITS FOUND BY RAIDERS

Man Arrested in Baxter Street Store, Where Police Charge "Whiskey" Was Made.

Detectives to-day broke into a locked store on the main floor of No. 79 Baxter Street, and found five barrels of cologne spirits, a number of gauges, funnels, measures and a quantity of coloring matter. The Federal authorities were notified.

The entrance was made at the direction of Michael Fieschetti, head of the Italian section of the Police Department, who had received information that the place was being used for the manufacture of imitation whiskey.

The police arrested Constantine Kosty, thirty-five, of No. 43 Baxter Street. He had \$1,800 in currency on his person, as well as a bank book showing \$1,000 recently deposited.

Former Slave Dies at 122.

PARKERSBURG, W. Va., Dec. 27.—William Peyton, a negro, one of the oldest men in the United States, died yesterday at Little Hocking, O., near Parkersburg, at the age of 122 years. Peyton was once a slave of a Virginia family by the name of Creel, which later moved into West Virginia.

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